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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter this Amendment in response to the June 25, 2003 Office Action and the Examiner's facsimile of August 5, 2003 which did not re-set the response date, and grant the petition for a one-month Extension for the reasons set forth herein at page 6:

- (1) Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.
- (2) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- (3) Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.